

**EASTERN NORWALK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**December 13, 2006
Minutes**

Board Member Attendees: Laurel Lindstrom (president), Gordon Tully, Erik Nees, David Park, Maribeth Becker, Diane Cece

Board Members Absent: Sarah Hunter

Advisory Board Member Attendees: Nick Overall

Others at Presentation & Board Meeting: Jeff Baskin, Jill Baskin

Others at Presentation only: Hal Alvord, Mayor Richard Moccia, Walter Briggs, Chris Perone, Herbert Grant, plus more than 70 others.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.
2. Forum on 'Finding Solutions to Neighborhood Flooding' – Hal Alvord (Director of Public Works) presented information on the Tighe and Bond study regarding recommendations for the study areas. Mayor Moccia, Walter Briggs (chair of the Planning Commission) and Chris Perone (State Rep – District 137) presented budgetary considerations and suggestions. Residents and business owners from several streets throughout Norwalk affected by flooding asked questions during the Q&A.
3. Minutes
 - a. November minutes tabled to next meeting
4. President's Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - a. Meeting schedule for 2007 board meetings distributed. Regular monthly meetings will continue on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in Room 333 at City Hall, unless otherwise noticed.
 - b. Proposed budget – preliminary review of new Excel formats.
5. Regular Business:
 - a. Watch List Properties
 - i. Wall Street (Parcel 3): Gordon Tully provided update on most recent discussion regarding making improvements to the plan for the structure to be built on the old Pottery building site.
 - ii. 93 East Avenue updates: Maribeth Becker and Gordon Tully provided an update on the negotiations that are still taking place with the owner regarding alternatives to demolition.
 - iii. 73 Strawberry Hill Ave. (old Fitch School): David Park will contact David Waters (attorney for the property) on the status of development plans. Conservation Commission approved the plan but it has not been on the Zoning Commission/Plan Review agenda as yet.
 - b. Neighborhood Issues/Committees
 - i. Zoning & Master Plan: Laurel Lindstrom provided update on the Westport Ave. & Main Ave. Corridor Study that will become part of the master plan once approved. Laurel, as a member of the advisory committee will meet with rest of committee in about a month when the final draft comes in from the consultant. Nick Overall would like to see alternatives to the uniform rows of street trees. Maribeth Becker reported the Tree

- Advisory's concern regarding street trees that are legally damaged by owners through excessive pruning and topping.
- ii. Speeding & Traffic: David Park brought up speeding issues on Strawberry Hill Avenue that continue. He will contact Chief Rilling – and also contact Hal Alvord to find out the status of the traffic calming study/Safe Routes to School.
- iii. Neighborhood Flooding: dealt with earlier during forum.
- c. Mayor's Neighborhood Preservation Committee Report – Laurel Lindstrom
 - i. Subcommittee made up of Laurel (ENNA), Maribeth (CNNA), Jim Clark (Golden Hill) and Al Raymond (SHHA) has been meeting with David Shockley (Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator) and others to make improvements to the monthly meetings.
 - ii. (See minutes from MNPC meeting posted on ENNA website)
- d. CNNA Report – Maribeth Becker.
 - i. At December meeting reviewed successes in 2006 and plans for 2007
- f. NPT Report
 - a. Report earlier in agenda under '93 East Ave.' item
- g. Trees, Landscape & Adopt-A-Spots – Nick Overall
 - a. No new information to report
- h. Other:
 - a. Newsletter: Laurel asked for ideas or articles from board members for the winter newsletter.

6. Other Business

- a. None

7. Next regular board meeting: Wednesday January 10, 2007.

8. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Submitted by: Laurel Lindstrom